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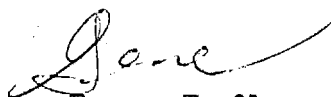
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Chief, Agricultural Branch  
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Dear Bill:

Just a personal word of thanks and commendation for the fine report on East Europe's crop conditions (S-2719). I also thought it would be helpful for you to know that a most practical use is made of this type of information. We have under consideration the feasibility of a trade mission to the area, both as a matter of economic interest to the U.S. and also as a demonstration of support to several of the countries seeking greater economic and political independence. In any case, your report is being disseminated and the content is most useful and deeply appreciated.

Sincerely yours,



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Special Assistant to  
the Secretary

**\*USDA Waiver Letter In ERU File\***

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